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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

None of the claims have been modified by amendment in this response. Therefore, claims 1-12 are present for examination.

The Office Action has rejected claims 1-3, 6 and 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,023,499 to Mansey et al. (hereinafter "Mansey"). Claims 4, 7 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mansey in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,710,900 to Anand et al. (hereinafter "Anand"). Claims 5 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mansey in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,930,764 to Melchione et al. (hereinafter "Melchione").

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in light of the remarks below.

35 U.S.C. §102(e) Rejections, Mansey (Claims 1-3, 6 and 8-10)

Claims 1 and 8

Independent claim 1 has been rejected by the Office Action as being anticipated by Mansey. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection because Mansey does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of claim 1.

Claim 1 requires a "host site comprising a database for storing user billing and inventory information[.]" Applicant respectfully submits that Mansey does not teach or suggest this limitation. The Office Action cites figure 1 of Mansey as teaching or suggesting such limitation. Figure 1 of Mansey shows a billing computer 28, a billing server 22, a web server 26, the internet 30, and a computer 32, along with other associated telephone equipment and systems, but does not disclose a database to store inventory information. Indeed, nowhere in Mansey is inventory information discussed.

Claim 1 also requires "a view manager arranged to generate a set of function commands which can be selectively launched by user input to graphically display a list of

available views each of which contains a report relating to particular user information stored in a database, create a new view and report, and edit a view and report[.]" Applicant respectfully submits that Mansey does not teach or suggest these limitations.

The Office Action cites column 5, line 36 through column 6, line 46 of Mansey as teaching or suggesting such limitations. This portion of Mansey primarily discloses calculating a charge amount related to a conference call, sending the charge amount to a computer for display, determining whether the call has terminated or should be terminated, and sending a final charge amount to the computer. Nowhere in this cited portion, nor elsewhere in Mansey, is a view manager disclosed, much less one which is able to generate a set of function commands selectable by a user to manipulate views and reports.

Moreover, Claim 1 also requires "a data manager arranged to relate data maintained independently from the host site on a user computer terminal with the user's billing and inventory data for display as part of a requested report, wherein at least a portion of the data maintained independently from the host computer site is displayed as part of the requested report." Applicant respectfully submits that Mansey does not teach or suggest this limitation.

The Office Action cites column 5, lines 55-67 and column 6, lines 5-37 of Mansey as teaching or suggesting such limitations. These portions of Mansey primarily disclose calculating a charge amount related to a conference call at a host system, determining whether the call has terminated or should be terminated because a user input maximum charge has been reached, and sending a final charge amount to the user computer. Notably, while Mansey does disclose in other portions actually displaying a running charge amount for the conference call, it does not explicitly state displaying the final charge amount. Assuming, merely for the sake of argument that Mansey suggests displaying the final charge amount, the mere fact that the final charge amount may equal an amount specified by a user, does not mean that "at least a portion of the data maintained independently from the host site computer site is displayed as part of the requested report." If Mansey suggests anything, it is that the final charge amount, as calculated by the host site computer, would be displayed. The fact that that final charge amount may equal an amount specified by the user, does not change where the data which is displayed is actually maintained.

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As Mansey does not disclose transmitting instructions from the host system to the user computer to display an amount maintained independently from the host system, Mansey does not teach the limitation of "a data manager arranged to relate data maintained independently from the host site on a user computer terminal with the user's billing and inventory data for display as part of a requested report, wherein at least a portion of the data maintained independently from the host computer site is displayed as part of the requested report." Additionally, as noted above, nowhere in Mansey is inventory data discussed. Because Mansey does not disclose all of the limitation of claim 1, the claim is therefore believed to be patentable over Mansey.

For at least all of the same reasons, claim 8, the method for generating an on-line report performed by the system in claim 1, is also believed to be patentable over Mansey.

Claims 2, 9 and 10

Dependent claim 2 has been rejected by the Office Action as being anticipated by Mansey. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection because Mansey does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of claim 2.

Claim 2 requires that the view manager comprise "a view editor arranged to receive and implement user report editing instructions." As described above, Applicant respectfully submits that Mansey does not teach or suggest a view manager, much less a view editor that may implement user report editing instructions. The portions of Mansey cited in support of the rejection of claim 2 only contemplate user instructions to arrange a conference call and other, similar services, but not user report editing. See, for example, Munsey, column 3, lines 55-63. Because Mansey does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of claim 2, the claim is believed to be patentable over Mansey.

For at least all of the same reasons, claims 9 and 10, correlated methods to the system described in claim 2, are also believed to be patentable over Mansey. Additionally, claim 2 depends from claim 1, and is therefore believed to be patentable for at least the additional reason of its dependence from an allowable claim.

Claims 3 and 6

Claims 3 and 6 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1 and are therefore believed to be patentable at least by virtue of their dependence from an allowable claim.

35 U.S.C. §103(a) Rejection, Mansey in view of Anand (Claims 4, 7 and 11)

Claim 7

Dependent claim 7 has been rejected by the Office Action as being obvious over Mansey in view of Anand. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection because Mansey and Anand do not teach or suggest all of the limitations of claim 7, as is required for a prima facie case of obviousness.

Claim 7 requires a "graphical user interface [comprising] JAVA applets and an HTML page." Applicant respectfully submits that Anand does not teach or suggest this limitation. The Office Action cites column 9, lines 16-57 of Anand as teaching or suggesting such limitation. This portion of Anand discloses HTML pages and hypertext for user input, but not JAVA applets. Indeed, nowhere in Mansey or Anand are JAVA applets disclosed.

Because all of the limitations of claim 7 are not disclosed by the cited references, a prima facie case of obviousness has not been made, and the claim is believed to be allowable for at least this reason. Additionally, claim 7 depends from claim 1, and is therefore believed to be patentable for at least the additional reason of its dependence from an allowable claim.

Claims 4 and 11

Claims 4 and 11 depend either directly or indirectly from either claim 1 or 8 and are therefore believed to be patentable at least by virtue of their dependence from allowable claims.

35 U.S.C. §103(a) Rejection, Mansey in view of Melchione (Claims 5 and 12)

Claims 5 and 12 depend either directly or indirectly from either claim 1 or 8 and are therefore believed to be patentable at least by virtue of their dependence from allowable claims.

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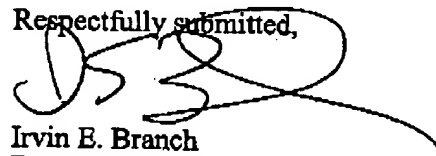Reply to Office Action of January 10, 2006

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<u>CONCLUSION</u>

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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